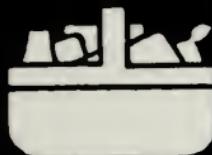


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HOW TO PREVENT IVY POISONING

(Information from U. S. Public Health Service)

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1. Learn to recognize poison ivy (three-leaved vine, shrub, low bush. Whitish, waxy berries, leaves reddish in fall). Do not touch plant.

2. Prevention - make prevention cream, cover all exposed parts of body before going out. Cream 1 part of sodium perborate to 9 parts of vanishing cream or 2 parts potassium periodate to 98 parts of cream. Vanishing cream should be without perfume and not too watery. Grind crystals of either sodium perborate or potassium (over)

periodate (use one, not both) into powder. Mix powder into vanishing cream thoroughly. Cream is effective protection for about four hours; then wash off and apply another coating of cream. Do not keep mixture longer than two weeks. Best advice is to make it in small batches as needed.

3. Treatment - wash all exposed parts of body with ordinary laundry soap & hot water as soon as possible; work up heavy lather, rinse several times; do not use brush. In severe cases, consult physician. Do not use oils, salves during early stages of irritation. Itching can be relieved with hot towels or calomine solution, baking soda solution, or Epsom salts solution.

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